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ROMMEL'S RETREATING REARGUARD PURSUED

Transport Columns As Far West As Buerat Attacked

HUGE AXIS LOSSES IN 3-DAY BATTLE: BRITISH TREADING ON ENEMY HEELS, FEW MILES EAST OF SULTAN

CAIRO: Middle East War Communique on Sunday states: "Throughout yesterday our advanced forces continued to follow up the retreating enemy rearguard. Again large-scale fighter operations were carried out against enemy. The targets which were attacked with considerable success were principally transport columns as far west as Buerat. Enemy air activity, which was on a small scale, did not hinder our operations.

Transport and buildings at Buerat were successfully bombed on the night of December 18/19. Tunis and La Goulette were attacked on the same night and a large fire was started in the railway marshalling yards at Tunis. At La Goulette, oil storage tanks were hit.

Fires were started at Comiso airfield in Sicily. The enemy was also active during Friday night.

OVER MALTA

A large formation of bombers approaching Malta was engaged by our night fighters, which shot one down and forced others to jettison their bombs in the sea. Some damage was done, but our offensive night operations were maintained.

Four large enemy aircraft flying towards the coast of Tripolitania were shot down yesterday by our long-range fighters.

From the above operations three of our aircraft did not return.

Huge Booty In Fighting At Matratin

CAIRO, Dec. 20.

Twenty enemy tanks were destroyed 500 prisoners, 30 guns were captured and several hundred vehicles destroyed during the fighting at Matratin.

It is understood that Allied casualties are very slight and material losses comparatively light.

PATROL ACTIVITY

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Morocco radio broadcast today's communique from French headquarters in Tunisia: "There was patrol activity in our sector." —Reuter.

ATTACK IMMINENT?

The German-controlled Paris Radio said to-day Gen. Anderson has brought up large Allied forces in Tunisia, and an attack seems imminent, but so far fighting has been intense in the air only.

Huge Axis Losses

LONDON: From Reuter's Special Correspondent at Cairo:—Twenty Axis tanks were destroyed, 500 prisoners taken, 30 guns captured, several hundred vehicles destroyed and, others damaged during the battle along the coastal road following the cutting off of one of Rommel's Panzer divisions by New Zealand Infantry and British tanks last Tuesday. The battle raged for three days. It was one of the toughest engagements since the present push began.

A considerable proportion of Rommel's panzer forces were in the rearguard trapped between the New Zealanders and other British forces advancing up the coastal road from El Agheila. The New Zealanders got on the road behind them. British armoured forces then attacked. They met with real resistance on the causeway at the junction of the road from Marada with the main coastal road. Here the Germans realised that the position was desperate, and gradually withdrew pursued by tanks into the ranks of the New Zealand division which had come up along the road in the rear. Although the Allies lost some men it was learned today that their casualties were very slight. Their material losses were also comparatively light.

HOT PURSUIT

The pace of the Eighth Army's pursuit continues as fiercely as ever. The Axis is still taking punishment around Sultan, halfway between El Agheila and Sirte. The main Axis forces have reached a point west of Sultan, but the British after all day fighting in the Nofilia area are now treading on the heels of Rommel's rearguards still a few miles east of Sultan.

SIR NAZIMUDDIN CRITICISES VICEROY'S SPEECH

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

"India cannot achieve freedom unless and until there is an amicable settlement between the two major communities", said Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, and Leader of the Opposition in the Bengal Legislative Assembly, speaking at the Id Reunion in Calcutta, this afternoon. He added: "During the last 30 years all attempts to secure the freedom of India have failed. It is, therefore, obvious that the freedom and independence of India can only be achieved through a settlement between the two communities."

Sir Nazimuddin continued that he "considered it most unfortunate that H. E. the Viceroy should express views stressing the geographical unity of India and the establishment of a Central Government for the whole of this sub-Continent at a time when all were looking forward to hopeful results from the Allahabad Non-Party Conference. When Great Britain has asked us to settle our differences. It is unwise and impolitic, for either the Secretary of State or H. E. the Viceroy, to express views favouring one community or the other."

Concluding Sir Nazimuddin said: 'I would like to impress upon my non-Muslim brothers that Islam enjoins upon Muslims to protect the rights and privileges of non-Muslims in the same manner as their own and to make no difference between Muslims and non-Muslims so far as the Government of the country is concerned."—A. P.

ANGLO-AMERICAN POST-WAR WORLD

Willkie Scouts Idea

(From A Special Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 20.

"There is a theory that the way to build healthy peace is round the ridge-pole of British-American relations. I profoundly disagree with this theory," says Mr. Wendell Willkie in an interview to the New York correspondent of the "Times."

He adds: "It takes no account of the incipient awakening of the peoples of the Middle East. Hardly any leaders I have spoken to in China, Russia or throughout the Middle and Near East will accept an Anglo-American world. We must meet Russia, China and other nations at the peace table and at the reconstruction of the world afterwards as equals. This conviction has swept all over the East."

WILLKIE, NOT ANTI-BRITISH

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Mr. Wendell Willkie in an interview with the British Radio commentator, Mr. Sydney Moseley today denied that he was anti-British and declared that such allegations were "utterly ridiculous."

"I have the deepest affection and admiration for the British people and their institutions", he said, adding Britain had no closer friend than he and the Commonwealth was an exciting and useful scheme. Mr. Willkie said, it was because of his admiration that he felt he could criticise the Colonial policy as applied to areas where improved social services were needed.—Reuter.

PLOT TO CREATE REVOLUTION IN BOLIVIA FRUSTRATED: LEADERS ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

A message from Lapaz reports that the Bolivian Government has taken several leaders of the Leftist Revolutionary Party into custody after an announcement that a plot designed to create a revolution had been frustrated.—Reuter.

BUILDING UP INDIA'S INDUSTRIES

Sir M. Visvesvaraya On Post-War Economic Reconstruction

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Addressing the third quarterly meeting of the Central Committee of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation to-day, Sir M. Visvesvaraya regretted the great opportunity missed by India to build up its industries in the present war. This, he complained, "was due to lack of any policy in the Government of the country and lack of co-operation and interest on its part to benefit the Indian population."

Sounding a note of warning for the future, Sir M. Visvesvaraya said:—

"The people are now faced with a great struggle immediately the war ends to render secure the future food supply and income of the nation. They can neglect this duty only at their peril. It has been said there will be war after war: economic war may follow military war, and expose the industries and trade of this country to severe international competition."

GOVT.'S APATHY

Speaking of the utter apathy shown by the Government of India, Sir M. Visvesvaraya said:—

"The Government showed some interest in the question and made certain public statements in June and October 1941, announcing the setting up of a Consultative Committee of Economists and four or five Reconstruction Committees. There were three principal defects in the committees so set up which were pointed out at the time. The members lacked representative character, they were asked to work in secrecy and the subject of industries, which is or ought to be the leading item in any reconstruction programme, was omitted altogether. This last feature of the terms to the committees was expected because Government have all along shown a rooted antipathy to the growth of industries. Although the committees were established more than a year ago, the public have no information whether the committees have met, whether any work has been transacted. No interim report of any description has so far seen the light. It is not understood why this should be so.

The Governor-General's Executive Council is now manned by a number of Indian members. Post-war Reconstruction and Industries are each of them important enough to require the whole time services of a member to itself. Nevertheless both of them seem to be left with the Commerce Member whose time is fully taken up with food supplies, prices of materials and other matters connected with the war emergency."

Suggesting an alternative to the Consultative Committee of Economists on Post-war Reconstruction installed by the former Commerce Member of the Viceroy's Council, the speaker said:—

Under the advice and supervision of the Central Council, it is desirable to appoint separate committees on Finance, Industries, War demobilization, Dismantling military factories and workshops, Transport, Export trade, and Education.

These committees should take evidence and work in the open. I have given the first place to Finance, because high prices and inflationary tendencies are already showing their head and giving rise to apprehension.

The second committee should be on Industries because the heavy industries retarded in war time have to be restarted, encouraged and established the moment war is over.

The two questions of demobilization of the forces and dismntling of factories and workshops assume special importance in the eyes of the Indian public.

Instead of closing down, it may be possible to transfer many of the war factories and workshops into the hands of Indian industrialists so that they may continue to provide army and defence equipment and machinery in peace time. The machinery and machine tools installed in military workshops should be utilised on civilian industries as far as possible."

U. S. PLANES BOMB KISKA

Jap Shore Installations Blasted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.

United States Army bombers have blasted Japanese shore installations on Kiska, Aleutian Islands, says a Navy 'communique. Heavy explosions and fires were observed. The attack was carried out on Thursday by 'Liberator' B 24 heavy bombers.

Yesterday in the South Pacific, 'Flying Fortresses' with fighter escort carried out two bombing attacks on Japanese installations in Munda area, New Georgia Island. The results were not reported.—Reuter.

JAPS WRITE OFF BUNA ADVENTURE

LONDON:—From Reuter's Special Correspondent at the Advanced Base in New Guinea:—

"The Japanese have written off their Buna adventure. Ever since their invasion of Papua at Gona on August 22 they have felt the initiative ebbing from them into Allied hands. They are no longer able to call the tune. Man for man in the terrible country of Papua the Allies have outfought the Japanese. But this is only the beginning and they know it. Their operations along the New Guinea coast at Mambare and Madang have some characteristics of the Malayan coastal technique in reverse—defensive instead of offensive.—Reuter.

JAP LAUNCH SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Allied headquarters in South-West Pacific: A Japanese launch was caught and sunk off the shore. Japanese planes were also active over the areas dropping five bombs ineffectively.

West of Gona, local patrol clashes continue between the Australians and the Japanese, one Japanese pocket being wiped out at the mouth of the Amboga river; 196 Japanese dead have been buried since December 11.—Reuter.

Allied Advance Into Burma Continues

Offensive Air Sweep Over Akyab-Mayu River Area: Jap-Held 'Drome Bombed

NEW DELHI, December 20.

India Command joint war 'communique' says:—

Yesterday December 19, our troops continued their southward movement in Arakan. No contact was made with the enemy.

ALLIED AIR-SWEEP

During the day our fighters co-operating in these operations carried out an offensive sweep in the Mayu River—Akyab area, and shot up enemy-occupied buildings.

JAP 'DROME BOMBED

Last night a force of our bombers attacked the aerodrome at Toungoo. All bombs fell in the target area, and bursts were seen on runways and on aerodrome buildings. Enemy night fighters were encountered and several combats took place.

From these and other operations none of our aircraft is missing.

Japs Cross Nanlei River And Attack Chinese

CHUNGKING.—The Japanese at Kengtung in Burma have crossed the Nanlei River and are attacking Chinese positions, says a Chinese 'communique.'

Kengtung lies close to the southern border of the Yunnan province in South-west China. Japanese attempts to drive into Yunnan Province across the Salween River were reported on Tuesday to have been held up by the Chinese.—Reuter.

ENCIRCLEMENT OF JAP REARGUARDS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19.

To-night's Chinese "communique" said that Chinese forces have smashed a new line formed by the Japanese troops retreating from Hohsueh on the Yangtse river south-east to Shasi. The main body of the Japanese is now falling back towards Tzefusze.

Japanese rearguards have been surrounded by the Chinese.—Reuter.

Chinese Sink Jap Transport

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19.

It was disclosed that a Japanese transport was sunk by Chinese units off south Kwangtung coast north of Chekkai on December 2. A number of Japanese troops, including an officer, were taken prisoner.—Reuter.

Three Nazi Planes Shot Down

LONDON, Dec. 19.

It is now officially learned that three German aircraft—all fighters—were shot down in south-east England to-day.—Reuter.

On Pacific Front

Allied Advance In Buna

Jap Convoy Attacked: Light Cruiser Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Allied Headquarters in the South-West Pacific: A 'communique' states, in Buna area, Cape Endaiadere area has been captured. Madang Japanese light cruiser has been sunk from the air.

The 'communique' adds that enemy remnants in the Amboga and Kumusi river sector have been mopped up. On the right in a local attack, Allied troops broke through a belt of heavy field fortifications and captured the Endaiadere area. Near the Vitiaz Straits, several hundred miles north-west of Buna, our 'Heavies' attacked an enemy convoy of two merchant and five warships scoring four direct hits on the deck of a light cruiser which sank following the explosion of the powder magazine. During the attacks our planes shot down two "zeros."

NAZI RETREAT FURTHER WEST

CAIRO, Dec. 20.

An observer broadcasting late last night from Cairo said that most of Rommel's rearguard troops including armoured units broke loose from the net. The observer expressed the opinion that another long and slow job westwards was to be expected before the Eighth Army would again be in a position to tackle the Germans in force.

The Germans, he said, were already ploughing up their airfields far to the west of the advancing British troops.—Reuter.

The All-India Maratha Political Convention will meet at Dharwar on December 30 and 31. Dewan Bahadur B. P. Jagtap will preside. Mr. B. S. Patil is the Chairman of the Reception Committee.

STOP PRESS

HITLER RECEIVES LAVAL

BERLIN, Dec. 20.

M. Laval was received by Hitler at the latter's headquarters on Saturday, says a 'communique' from the headquarters. Count Ciano, Goering and Ribbentrop were also present. "The present problems of France were discussed," it added. Questions relating to the prosecution of war by Germany and Italy were also discussed at a conference attended by Marshal Chvallero, Chief of Italian General Staff.—Reuter.

Enemy Counter-Attacks Repelled

Reds Continue Advance On Central Front

MOSCOW, Dec. 20.

The supplement to the Midday 'communique' says: "South-west of Stalingrad our troops repelled enemy counter-attacks. On the middle course of the Don our troops broke through enemy defences occupying a number of inhabited localities and continued to deal blows on the enemy.

On the Central Front our troops fortified their occupied positions and continued their advance.

"In the area of Velikie Luki, our troops were engaged in exterminating the surrounded enemy units.

"North-east of Tuapse our troops dislodged the enemy from a number of fortified positions."

Smashing Enemy Strong Points

From Reuter's Special Correspondent:—The Red Army, after overcoming a strongly fortified German defence zone on the west bank of the Middle Don, was to-day smashing at further German strongpoints. The Russians captured another fortified populated point during the night, when a thousand prisoners including three Colonels fell into their hands. During the new offensive which was announced in a special "communique" last night, the Russians encountered defence belts as much as ten miles deep.

A particularly fierce battle was fought for the important strategic town of Boguchar, 140 miles south-east of Voronezh and 180 miles north-west of Stalingrad. The Germans had a large garrison there, and used the town as a centre for munitions, food and other stores. To prevent the Germans from evacuating this material the Soviet Command surrounded the town cutting off all possible ways of retreat. Soviet troops attacked Boguchar from several directions at once and after a battle lasting several hours the German's stubborn resistance was broken.

NON-STOP COUNTER-ATTACKS

Other German forces are carrying out non-stop counter-attacks and the fighting is growing in intensity along the whole of the south-western front and in the Voronezh area. The Germans threw several dozen tanks into their counter-thrust in Novaya Kalitva-Monastyshchina sector which was the starting point of the Soviet drive from the north-west. Soviet gunners stopped a wave of tanks putting 17 of them out of action and the Russians continued to move forward.

The German units offering resistance in the Bokovskaya area, about 50 miles south-west of Kletskaya where the Russians began their thrust from the east, were wiped to the last man. When crossing to the west bank of the ice-locked Don the Russians had to overcome defences shielded by artificially created ice-barriers. The Soviet Command brought up artillery which, firing at point-blank range, blasted the way through for the infantry which were dressed in white overalls.

24-HOUR BATTLE S.-W. OF STALINGRAD

South-west of Stalingrad battles rage throughout the 24 hours against a constant flow of German reserves trying to break into the Soviet positions. The Germans lost 40 tanks and many men were killed, when a force that had pushed a wedge into the Soviet line was attacked from the flanks.

On the Central Front the Russians crossed an unnamed river and captured several buildings forming part of stronghold for which there has lately been fierce fighting.

SOVIET'S SMASHING NEW SUCCESS

A special announcement issued in Moscow last night said that Soviet troops have broken through the German-front in the Voronezh area, the pivotal point between the Central and Stalingrad fronts.

The Soviet advance in some places covers a distance of 32 to 56 miles and is still continuing.

Boguchar lies on the west bank of the Don, 140 miles south-east of Voronezh and 180 miles north-east of Stalingrad.

Nine Infantry Divisions Routed

The text of the special announcement to-night says— "A few days ago, our troops launched an offensive against the Germans in the area of the central course of the Don. The offensive was launched in two directions in the North-west in the area of Novya Kalitva and in the east from the area of Popovskaya. Over 200 inhabited localities have been captured including the towns of Novya Kalitva, (Gontsievskaya) Boguchar and the regional centres of Sbalyi Tachitzy and Popovskaya.

In the advance, our troops routed nine enemy infantry divisions and one infatry brigade. Heavy losses have been inflicted on four enemy infantry divisions and one enemy tank brigade. In four days' fighting more than 10,000 prisoners were taken. Our troops captured huge booty.

The advance of our troops continues."

ALL AXIS ATTACKS REPELLED

MOSCOW: The supplement to the midnight 'communique' says that in the factory area of Stalingrad. Soviet troops continued to attack Axis positions in small groups, while in the southern suburbs, there were exchanges of artillery fire and in the south-west, Soviet troops fought Axis tanks and infantry. In one sector, where the Axis forced wedges into the Soviet positions, the Russians encircled the Axis forces destroying 40 tanks and wiping out several hundred Axis troops.

In the area of Veliki Luki, one Soviet Unit dislodged the Axis from two inhabited localities and frustrated repeated Axis attempts to restore the situation. At the close of the day, all Axis attacks had been repelled. The Soviet air force destroyed 20 German tanks and 300 lorries carrying troops and supplies.—Reuter.

JOCKEY KILLED: THREE INJURED

KARACHI, Dec. 20.

The Karachi race course was the scene of a tragedy last evening when one jockey was killed and three others were seriously injured being thrown from horses which they were riding. After the first jockey was thrown from his horse three others met the same fate.—United Press.

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(3) The names of all partners of the contracting firms should be specified in the tender.

(4) Tenderers have (a) to work out the figures in the column of amounts, (b) to take the totals on each page in case of any schedule cover more than one page, and (c) to work out the final figures at the end of each schedule. Any irregularity on this point may justify the rejection of the tender.

(5) Rates should be legibly written. Erasures or corrections in figures without tenderers' initials will render the tender liable to rejection, but as far as possible, these should be avoided.

(6) Would be tenderers are at liberty to peruse the figures of actual supplies in the preceding three years in the office of the undersigned during office hours.

(7) All the samples in respect of tenders lodged in the manner prescribed above, should be sent in advance separately to the undersigned, giving reference to the tender for which they are meant, without waiting for instructions from this office to do so.

(8) Tenderers wishing to give any particulars about the articles offered by them are *particularly requested to write such particulars separately for each individual schedule, and not embody them in one general letter.*

(9) If any of the days fixed falls on a Public Holiday, the tenders should be delivered on the next working day before 1 P.M. (Bombay Time).

(10) Tenderers should send properly labelled samples to the chief storekeeper in all cases. Failure to do so, will render the tenders liable to rejection.

(11) The Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and also reserves to itself the right to split up a tender in any manner that it deems fit.

(12) If any tenderer desires to quote separate rates for immediate delivery he may do so.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner.
A. H. K. SHAIKH,
Chief Storekeeper.
Office of the Chief Storekeeper, 566, DeLisle Road, Byculla, Bombay No. 11.
21st December 1942. 2758.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

THE CURRENT CRIMINAL SESSIONS has been ADJOURNED to 4th January, 1943. Gentlemen of the Common Jury are required to attend at the High Court on MONDAY the 4th January, 1943, at 10-45 A. M. (S. T.). Gentlemen of the Special Jury are no longer required to attend the Sessions Court.

J. N. DUGGAN,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 18th December, 1942. 2780

Public Notices

TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Head Office, upto 12 noon on MONDAY, the 11th January, 1943, for the supply of about 10,000 to 12,000 pairs of chappals required for the use of the Bombay City Police during the year 1943. The sample pair of chappals may be seen at the Head Police Office (Accounts Branch) Bombay No. 1. Tenders should be superscribed as "Tender for the supply of chappals to B. C. P. The rates submitted must remain open till 31st January, 1943. Further particulars, if required, can be had from Head Police Office, Bombay, No. 1.

R. N. NAYAMPALLI,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Head Office
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 18th December, 1942. 2784

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M. D. MALGONKAR,
Cantt. Executive Officer,
Aurangabad. 2785

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SPECIAL CONVOCATION FOR CONFERRING DEGREES 11TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

THE SPECIAL CONVOCATION for conferring Degrees will be held on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1943. The 9th of January, 1943 is the LAST DAY for the receipt of applications and fees for admission to Degrees on the occasion. Forms of application may be obtained free of charge from the Registrar's Office or from the Heads of the affiliated Colleges.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 8th December, 1942. (2649)

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Magsar Shud 14, 1999.
Muslim: Jilhej 12, 1361.
Parsi: Tir 18, 1312.
Sunrise: 8-9 a.m. Sunset: 7-5 p.m
Hightide: 11-07, —.
Lowtide: 5-34, 17-10.
Municipal Corporation at 2 p.m. (B. T.).

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CENTRAL—"Ten O Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Beyond the Blue Horizon" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
METRO—"Her Cardboard Lover" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
CAPITOL—"Defeat of the Germans Near Moscow 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Vasant Sena" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY "Ankh Michauli" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR "Kipling's Jungle Book" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL: "Eagle Squadron" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
EROS—"This Above All" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
OPERA HOUSE—"Bhakta Surdas" 2-30, 5 7-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON: "Ek Raat" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Bhakta Kabir" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
PARADISE—"You'll Never Get Rich" 4-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Bharat Milap" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"The Thief of Bagdad" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
AURORA—"Rio Rita" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
APOLLO—"Nai Roshni" 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
ROXY—"Mera Gaon" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Doctor" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Roti" Time as usual.
STRAND—"Bad Men of Missouri" 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Damaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION: Mr. R. K. Dalal's talk on "Some Tax Anomalies", 6-15 p.m., in Association Rooms. Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

B. E. S. T. EMPLOYEES UNION: Extraordinary general meeting, 9-30 p.m. (S. T.), at Hirabaug Hall, near C. P. Tank.

"MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION": Idd Dinner Islam Club, Chawpatty Sea Face, 8 p.m. Mr. T. T. Barodawala, Judge of the Small Causes Court, will preside.

HINDU DEEN DAYA SANGH: Acknowledges donations received for the maintainance of the Foundling Home, at Matunga. The latest list of donations shows an amount of over Rs. one thousand.

MUNI SAMAJ CONFERENCE: All-India seventh annual Muni Samaj Conference will be held this year at Kalmeshwar, District Nagpur, C. P., on the 27th, 28th and 29th December, 1942. Munishver Pandit Shiokumarji Shastri, Editor "Dnyanshakti", presides.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

MONDAY, DEC. 21.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Lachhi Ram, 5-15 Sarangi recital. 5-25 Gulabbai. 5-35 Usman Khan. 5-55 Anwarbai 6-5 Azim Prem Ragi. 6-45 Anwarbai. 7 Baton ki Baten. 7-15 Gulabbai 7-25 Sarangi recital. 7-30 Britain's Role in the War. 7-45 For villagers only 8-30 Azim Prem Ragi. 8-45 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 8 55 Jawabi Hamla. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 Azim Prem Ragi. 10 Desh on Sarangi. 10-5 Usman Khan. 10-15 Anwarbai. 10-25 Bhajan Lal. 10-30 Lachhi Ram. 10-40 Anwarbai. 10-45 Gulabbai. 10-55 Flute recital.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Twin Concert party 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 D. V. Paluskar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Jaltarang solo. 9-15 Venubai Dewasthali. 9-25 Abdul Aziz Khan. 9-35 Ghulam Husain. 9-45 Bhajan Mandali. 12-30 p. m. Bhajans. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati garbas. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow 5-5 Nalini Edekar. 5-15 Dabke Master. 5-25 Ramanlal M. Dave. 5-40 Ghulam Husain. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 D. V Paluskar. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 News commentary. 6-50 Nalini Edekar 7 Dholi ni Pol. 7-15 Kannada songs. 7-30 Ghulam Husain. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Air Orchestra. 8-15 Venubai Dewasthali. 8-30 Sports review. 8-45 Dot and Dash. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Venubai Dewasthali. 10 Hamid Husain. 10-15 D. V. Paluskar.

Bombay II—Programme

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Chorus es. 8-15 to 8-30 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Ramanlal M. Dave. 9 Interlude. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

4-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Ramanlal Dave. 7-55 Dabke Master. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Ramanlal Dave. 9-15 Ghulam Husain. 9-30 Isobel Greene. 9-40 Teetotallers Dance Band.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN: Special and Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the Notice appearing in the Public Notification Column.

Wanted By Police

Representing himself to be a journalist and film editor, Ian E. Gottschalk, a seaman, is alleged to have obtained tickets for the mammoth raffle at the United Nations Fete, for sale and to have misappropriated the sales proceeds. Gottschalk who is a British subject, possibly of Dutch extraction, is aged about 30, slimly built, height 5'5" sleek appearance with pimples on his face and well brushed black hair.

He speaks fluent English and has a plausible manner, usually wears a white shirt with a stiff collar, white trousers and a grey coat. He is now wanted by the General Branch, C.I.D. on charges of criminal breach of trust and cheating. Any information regarding him should be given to Sub-Inspector Laidlaw of that branch (tel. No. 39811 and extn. 203.)

BHARAT SEVASRAM SANGHA'S APPEAL FOR FUNDS: The Bharat Sevasram Sangha that has been carrying on relief operations in Midnapore, 24 Parganas and Balasore, has received upto 5th December, 1942, Rs. 75,6 in cash and kind. Its relief area is very extensive involving at present a weekly expenditure of Rs. 10,000 whereas its funds are limited. The Sangha, therefore, appeals to the generous public for further contributions to be sent to the General Secretary of the Sangha at 211, Rash Behari Avenue, Ballygunge, Calcutta.

PRABHULAL DWIVEDI

"Vanpravesh" Celebration

To-night at 9 p. m. at the Princess Theatre (Bhangwadi), Kalbadevi Road, selections from the plays of Mr Prabhulal Dwivedi, the well-known Gujarati playwright, will be staged by the actors and actresses of the various Gujarati dramatic companies. Shriyut Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee will preside.

Three Weddings In Premier's Family

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

Capt. Shaukat Hyat Khan, eldest son of Sir Sikandar Hya Khan, who fell a prisoner into the hands of the Italians about a year ago and was later rescued by the Allied forces will be one of the bridegrooms in three weddings which are taking place this week in the family of the Premier. The bridegrooms in all three cases are officers in His Majesty's military forces.

On December 23 the Premier's daughter is to be married to Lt. Mazhar Ali, son of Nawab Muzaffar Khan. On the following day the Premier's second son Capt. Azmat Hyat Khan will be married to the daughter of Khan Bahadur Hakim Ahmad Shuja, Deputy Secretary of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. The bridegroom in the third marriage will be the Premier's eldest son.—A. P.

Governor Welcomes State Force Back From Field

KARACHI, Dec 19.

Karachi accorded a cordial welcome to a famous State force unit w returned to India after more than two years service somewhere in the Middle East. The Governor Sir Hugh Dow inspected the unit on disembarkation, those present at the docks included Major-General N. G. Hind, G. O. C., Sind district, Major-General Jaideo Singh of the State forces, Premier Hidayatullah, Mr. S. K. H. Katrak, Mayor of Karachi.

Addressing the unit, the Governor said: "On behalf of civil Government it gives me very great pleasure to welcome you back to your own country after your period of more than two years arduous service abroad. During that time you have added more lustre to your colours and given proofs of your courage, loyalty and devotion to your King Emperor, your Maharaja and your motherland. We are glad to welcome you back and we are confident that in future you will add still further glory to the traditions of your famous corps".

Premier Hidayatulla and Mayor Katrak spoke in Urdu.

After the reception officers and men were served with tea and refreshments by lady volunteers of the Sind joint war committee. The party was organised by Mrs. Bebbington. Mrs. Hind, wife of Major-General Hind was among the lady volunteers.—A. P.

A.-I. Weather Report

POONA, Dec. 20.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on December 16:—

Allahabad 80 58 0, BOMBAY 86 68 0, Calcutta 82 59 0, Cawnpore 77 59 0.1, Cuttack 79 59 0, Darjiling 52 31 0, Delhi 65 53 0.4, Dehra Dun 74 48 0.6, Jacobabad 72 47 0, Karachi 73 58 0, Lahore 56 53 0, Lucknow 77 58 0.1, Madras 77 72 0.5 Nagpur 84 54 0, Patna 79 58 0, Peshawar 62 41 0, Shillong 62 36 0, Simla 37 31 0.5—A. P.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of slight intensity with its epicentre about 1,270 miles away from Bombay was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 15h. 55m I. S. T. on Saturday.

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The financial position of the Company as on the 31st December, 1941, was as under:—

CAPITAL	Rs.	24,00,000	TOTAL GROSS BLOCK	Rs. 28,94,892	
RESERVE FUND	Rs.	3,00,000	LESS DEPRECIATION WRITTEN OFF	Rs. 11,12,900	
TAXATION RESERVE	Rs.	7,00,113	NET BLOCK ACCOUNT		Rs. 17,81,992
LOANS	Rs.	27,48,725	STORES & SPARE PARTS, COAL, FUEL, OIL, ETC.		Rs. 12,43,676
SUNDRY LIABILITIES	Rs.	9,69,157	STOCK-IN-TRADE		Rs. 35,45,574
PROFIT & LOSS	Rs.	4,40,100	BOOK DEBTS		Rs. 6,22,009
			ADVANCES & DEPOSITS		Rs. 2,00,881
			INVESTMENTS		Rs. 1,26,150
			CASH		Rs. 37,813
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The Company has paid a Dividend at Rs. 15|- per share free of Income-tax for the year 1941.

The above offer is open up to WEDNESDAY, 30th December, 1942. The purchasers will have to bear the cost of the stamp and fees for transfer and registration.

A brokerage at ½% will be paid to recognised member of any Share & Stock Brokers' Association in respect of applications bearing his stamp.

The Company's Balance Sheets for the last three years are open for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of The Native Share & Stock Brokers' Association, Bombay.

The amount to the credit of taxation reserve may not prove sufficient to meet in full the Company's liability in respect of taxation upto and inclusive of the financial year 1941. This will not however, affect the dividend for the current year in view of the fact that the profits of the current year are expected to show considerable improvement with those of the year 1941. Further information on the point may be obtained from the registered office of the Company.

Forms of Application can be had from the Secretary of The Shree Niwas Cotton Mills Ltd. or from the Secretary, Native Share & Stock Brokers' Association, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

The allotment would be in lots of five or multiples of five shares only.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, The Shree Niwas Cotton Mills Ltd., DeLisle Road, Parel, Bombay, who will receive them up to Wednesday, 30th December, 1942. The applications should be accompanied by a remittance of Rs. 400|- (Four Hundred only) per share, against which the shares with respective transfer deeds will be delivered in due course, on allotment.

FORM OF APPLICATION

To

The SECRETARY,

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The Bombay Chronicle

LIE FACTORIES BUSY

Mr. K. M. Munshi, with wholly justifiable indignation, has characterised as the "blackest lie" the slanderous suggestion which is reported to have been given currency in the "Daily Herald" of London, that in return for its co-operation the Indian National Congress had been promised by the Japanese that they would establish the Congress as the sole Government of India. Ever since the Congress was driven into the wilderness because it had the temerity to stand up for the inherent rights of the nation, lie factories have been busy day and night, in India, Britain, America and wherever elements hostile to Indian democracy can ply their trade with impunity, blackguarding the Congress and its leaders and spreading the vilest lies about them. Those in authority, both here and in England, who are in a position to restrain the flood of such lies, have not only not moved a finger to check the nefarious propaganda of misrepresentation, but would appear to have lent help to facilitate such propaganda so as to damn the Congress in the eyes of the ignorant and gullible world.

We saw how a lying story about the aged wife of Mahatma Gandhi being cruelly obliged to trudge all her way from the railway station to Napean Sea Road with a bundle on her head was sent out from Bombay, past the Censors at both ends, and allowed to appear prominently in a leading London journal. We saw how in the same journal school and college girls, who sang patriotic songs on the Congress dais, were represented to be "dancing girls" brought to entertain the Congress delegates. We saw Commander Locker-Lampson, Sir Stafford Cripps' own personal secretary, characterising Gandhiji in the British press as a "cheapjack agitator nourished by foreign cash a hireling of the enemies of England." We also saw so eminent a British artist as Sir Bernard Partridge prostituting his art by caricaturing in "Punch" Gandhiji as a Quisling ready to sell his country—and it needed a Smuts, a South African, indignantly to protest against such a vile British calumny! Neither Mr. Churchill nor Mr. Amery nor any other British official or politician appears to have felt any shame at the propagation of such a lie by the British press. Reuter did not deem it necessary to inform the Indian public of the slander. Even when General Smuts' protest was cabled to India, the reference to the offending cartoon in "Punch" was carefully avoided and the Indian public were left completely in the dark as to what exactly had occasioned General Smuts protest.

Such have been the devious and dubious ways in which the enemies of the Congress and of Indian democracy have been working to misrepresent the national movement in this country. That the official organ of the British Labour Party should join in such a vile game may be highly regrettable, but it should not occasion any surprise at the present day when truth and decency have been thrown completely overboard by anti-Indian elements in Britain in their "war" against the Congress and Indian democracy.

Heading For Tunisia

The struggle in Tunisia still remains one of supplies. And, as a correspondent says, it is a terrific struggle, too. But the situation is now definitely developing in favour of the Allies. In this connection Admiral Cunningham has just given an interesting and highly encouraging account of the position at sea as it relates to supplies. In the earlier stages of the campaign the advantage was dominantly on the side of the Axis. They could rush troops, reinforcements and material to Tunisia with ease and speed and their U-boats and aircraft were working havoc to Allied supplies. Now, as Admiral Cunningham points out, the position is reversed. The Navy controls the western Mediterranean, has mastered the U-boat and secured Allied supply routes to north African ports. The position now is that while General Eisenhower is receiving steadily what he wants, the Axis are losing ships at the rate of one a day in addition to the destruction which Allied aircraft are causing to enemy ports and transport planes. The safe and smooth provisioning of Malta, too, has at last been made possible with the result that that gallant island is now striking with increasing power at Axis bases and communications. But although the position is reversed, it does not mean that the battle for Tunisia is not going to be hard and long. Indeed, it may become, harder and longer than appears likely to-day.

For, it is probable that Field Marshal Rommel who is running for all he is worth may elect to join forces with General Nehring rather than make a stand for Tripoli. In this connection the disappointing fact must be frankly admitted that General Montgomery did not succeed in his outflanking movement at Wadi Matratin and that quite a considerable body of Rommel's trapped rear guards did escape westwards. This failure is not without compensations, however. Apart from the losses inflicted upon Rommel's tail the fact that the advance troops of the Eighth Army are driving almost as fast as the tail is retreating shows that Field Marshal Rommel simply does not possess the strength to turn and fight. He also knows that because of the Allied air force such a desperate venture would prove worse than disastrous. The air arm of the Eighth Army has proved itself to be the greatest and most decisive single factor in the continued success of General Montgomery. It has shattered Rommel's strength as also any possibility of his recovery. And it may—if helped by the navy which can operate unchallenged in the area—yet bring off the destruction of the "Afrika Korps" before it reaches Tripoli. Otherwise, General Montgomery will no doubt take Tripoli, but the Afrika Korps will by then be in Tunisia.

Collective Fines

In his address to the Associated Chambers of Commerce Lord Linlithgow, referring to the present political disorders in the country, testified that the "uprising had 'no support from great sections of the Hindu community" and that the Muslim community and other important parts of the population of India dissociated themselves from it. If that be so, why, it may be legitimately asked, is the entire Hindu community, barring the Scheduled castes, penalised by the indiscriminate levy of collective fines on it? Why are the totally ignorant and politically unconscious Hindu village-folk, men, women and children—for the burden of the fines falls on every one of these—, the semi-educated and educated middle and upper classes, the artisan and trading class, as well as the small and big land-owners, who may have never dabbled in politics in all their lives, called upon to bear the burden of the fines in these days of universal scarcity and distress? If, following the silly logic of Sir Maurice Hallett, it is argued that the fines are a means of teaching the Hindu villagers the salutary "lesson" that it is their duty to help the police in the preservation of peace and order in their villages, one may enquire if the non-Hindu sections of the population, who are exempted from the fines, have been offering any material help to the police in the investigation or prevention of the crimes? On the face it the present policy has the appearance of calculated discrimination against Hindus because they happen to be Hindus. The policy is clearly unfair and unjust and should be abandoned forthwith. Dr. M. R. Jayakar has rightly drawn attention to its doubtful legal character, also. But, whether it is legal or not—for anything under the sun can be rendered legal or illegal under the Defence of India Rules, as officialdom desires it—the policy underlying the penalisation of any one particular community is impolitic in the extreme and is likely to be attended with grave consequences if not abandoned betimes.

PAGE FROM A BOOK OF LIFE

Gandhiji On Publication Of 'Ramakrishna's Gospel'

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 20

Despite the fact that book trade has suffered from severe paper restrictions booksellers in Britain are doing extraordinarily roaring trade.

The most widely sought book for Christmas present being Tolstoy's War and Peace which owing to the public demand Macmillans have reissued in one volume.

The song of Bernadette by Franz Werfel which throws different light on "Lourdes" from Zolas once famous novel is also in great demand.

Those interested in Indian politics give first preference to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's autobiography, and Mr. Palme Dutt's "Problem of India"

A timely arriving from New York is a consignment of the first full English translation of one of world's religious documents published in the United States. It is the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna 1063 pages 7 dols. 50 cents. translation done by Swami Nikhilananda. In the foreword Aldous Huxley says "a book, unique..... in the literature of Hagiography No other saint has had so able and indefatigable a Boswell. Never have small events of contemplative daily life been described with such wealth and intimate detail".

Gandhiji has written: "Ramakrishna was a living embodiment of godliness. His sayings are not those of a mere learned man but they are pages from a book of life."

Several booksellers have been greatly disappointed as owing to the great demand for this volume. publishers still have not yet fulfilled their minimum quota.

Tagore, Andrews, Besant, Radhakrishnan and other writers, thinkers and philosophers are much sought for Christmas presents this year.

Frankly Speaking

Important Break Through

Despite their desperate efforts the Germans, as we said the other day, have failed to wrest the initiative from the Russians on the eastern front. The latest Russian break through in the Voronej sector underlines how completely the converse is true. It is a smashing success as the figures not so much of materials captured as of prisoners taken in the four-day battle shows. Another big blow has been struck at the Wehrmacht and at a time when the Nazis were striving hard to relieve their hard pressed armies further south. Some commentators believe that it may eventually lead to the destruction of von Hoth's divisions trapped between the Volgo and the Don. That, perhaps, is over optimism for the Germans have proved themselves again and again capable of averting complete disasters.

Germans' Plight

But this latest success renders the picture of the Eastern Front definitely more heartening. From Lake Ilmen on the north to Tuapse in the south the initiative is with the Russians. Everywhere they are on top and able to strike at and point they choose to. They cannot, it is true, force a collapse of the enemy's hordes. But it is certain that they are not going to allow him to stabilise his defensive line. Suffering from the inclemencies of the Russian winter, receiving blow after blow from the Red Armies, losing heavily in the struggle and being unable to stabilise the front Adolf Hitler and his satellites are facing a grim present and even a more grim future.

Minor Operation

London and New Delhi have both warned against attaching much importance to the British advance into wes ern Burma. They are wise in doing so. For, as has been pointed out the operation is more or less indistinguishable from patrol activities that have been going on on the Indo-Burma frontier for the last two months or more. It should not, therefore, be hailed as if it heralded the beginning of a great offensive. Yet it is welcome for two reasons. In the first place the area concerned is claimed definitely to have been "reoccupied." In the second place the Japanese, who had prepared defences in it, withdrew without offering opposition. These facts suggest one thing as quite certain, namely, that the Japs do not consider themselves strong enough to attempt any invasion of India. That possibility is no more But, on the contrary, there is disclosed the possibility of the British attacking the Japs. But when?

Women's Demand

The significance of the delegation of the women of the city which waited on the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference as well as the memorandum which sixteen well-known women's organizations have submitted to the Committee relating to the happenings at Chimur will not, we hope, be lost on the Government of India and, in particular, on the Home Member thereof and the Hon. Mr. Aney. They would do well to realise even at this late hour that the policy of evasion of an impartial enquiry into the allegations openly made does not commend itself to the womanhood of India and would continue to rankle in their hearts till the subject is thoroughly probed and the truth revealed to the public. As a representative of the Government of India was present when the Committee met the delegation we trust the Government would take a more responsible view of the matter and abandon its present policy of ""laissez fair" and ignoring, ostrich-like, the realities of the situation.

Poona "Bomb-making Conspiracy" Arrests

(Through A.P. & U.P.)

POONA, December 20.

Seven persons were arrested here in connection with an alleged conspiracy to prepare country-made bombs and other prejudicial activities.

Searches were carried out in this connection in Satara and half a dozen persons were taken into custody.

It is stated that during one of the searches the police recovered some quantity of gun-powder, acid, one cartridge and a sword.

CHARGE AGAINST SCHOOL BOYS

Eleven school-boys are being prosecuted on a charge of a conspiracy to prepare country-made bombs. They were put under arrest during the middle of the last month.

A sentence of 12 months' rigorous imprisonment passed on one person for throwing stones on the police was reduced to 6 months rigorous imprisonment, on appeal to the Sessions Court. The fine of Rs. 25 was however retained.

Sentences of three months' rigorous imprisonment passed on two girls for leading an unlawful procession were also partially reduced.

Several students detained under D.I.R. have now been released.

Assam Jamiat Leaders Jailed

SYLHET.—Maulana Jamaluddin Ahmed, leader of the Assam Provincial Jamiat-ul-Ulema and four members of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema, have been sentenced to six months' R.I. each for shouting "Quit India" in the premises of the District Judge's Court at Sylhet town.

ARSON ACCUSED ACQUITTED

BELLARY:—All the seven accused in the case known as the Hospet High School Arson Case were acquitted by Mr. E. E. Mack, Sessions Judge, Bellary.

The Judge in ordering acquittal remarked: "I am convinced that the real culprits and ring leaders are not before me in the dock."

EXCISE CONSTABLES INJURED

AHMEDABAD: Two excise constables were slightly injured when an excise police van was assailed with stones in Mandvi Street on Sunday. One arrest was made. A municipal conservancy office was set to fire. Furniture and record were burnt.

MADRAS: The third Presidency Magistrate has convicted and sentenced R. Sivaswami to six months' rigorous imprisonment under D. I. R. for sending a prejudicial letter to the C. P. M.

CUDDAPAH: B. Venkataram Reddi C. Rami Reddi and N. Gangi Reddi have been convicted by the S. D. M., Jammalamadugu, under D. I. R. and sentenced to two years' R. I. each and a fine of Rs. 100 in default to further R.I. for 50 days in connection with the theft of three mail bags on November 17 last. The same magistrate sentenced Mr. Konda Reddi to rigorous imprisonment for one year under D. I. R. and to pay a fine of Rs. 60 for possession of prejudicial literature.

KUMBHKONAM: Subbiah Pillai and five others have been sentenced to two years' R. I. and another accused to R. I. for one year and a half under D. I. R.

MADURA: The police have arrested Lakshmana Pillai of Tutikorin and Lakshminarayan of Pattapathu for alleged possession of prejudicial literature and writing a joint letter to certain officials asking them to resign

LABOUR LEADER ARRESTED

CALCUTTA: Mr. Niharendu Dutt Majumder, M. L. A., General Secretary of the Labour Party of India, was arrested yesterday on a charge of violating an order issued under D. I. R. directing him to appear before a District Magistrate within a fortnight.

THREE YEARS FOR 'SUBVERSIVE LEAFLETS'

NOAKHALI: "These are very troublous times when the enemy is knocking at the very gate of the country, such agitations and activities should be dealt with severely", with this observation the Special Magistrate sentenced three young men Nandalal Saha, Krishnalal Saha and Promode Choudhury to three years' R. I. each, under D. I. R. for having in their possession some subversive leaflets and also for having distributed the same in some interior villages within Kotwali Thana.

TEZPUR: The District Magistrate has issued proclamations directing some persons to appear before his court at Tezpur on January 11. 1943, to be tried for the offence under rule 17 (1) and (2) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act. It is alleged that those persons have absconded.

JAILED FOR FIRE IN COLLEGE

CUTTACK: Mayadhar Mahanti and Debendranath Mahanti have been sentenced by a Special Magistrate to one year and 3 months' R. I. each in connection with the disturbances in the Ravenshaw College in August last. Raghunath Mahanti and Purna Chandra Bollarising were sentenced to two months' each in the same case. According to the prosecution case a meeting was held within the College compound over which Debendranath Mahanti presided. Mayadhar Mahanti and Debendranath Mahanti made prejudicial and inflammable speeches and after this the students rushed to the College office room and set fire to papers and furniture This foolish incendiarism" observed the Magistrate "was responsible for damage to several College records and papers and also other properties worth about Rs. 600 to Rs. 700.

Two Injured In Police Firing

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20.

Two persons were injured this morning when the police opened fire in Mandvi's street to disperse a procession which indulged in stone-throwing.

Five shots were fired.—A. P.

28 ARRESTS SEQUEL TO BURNING OF SCHOOL QUARTERS

JORHAT, Dec. 17.

Twenty-eight young men have been arrested in connection with the burning of the residential quarters of the Headmaster of the Government M. E. School at Kakajan. A collective fine of Rs. 5,000 has been imposed on the inhabitants of several villages near about the Kakajan School in this connection.

The Thatched house of the Government-aided Girls High School, at Jorhat was burnt down on the morning of December 16.—A. P.

CHINA WILL CO-OPERATE.

Help To Allied Burma Campaign From Yunnan

(From A Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The tentative British thrust into Burmese coastal region revealed in the "communique" showed British confidence in the Anglo American force built up in India since the disastrous Malaya and Burma campaigns

The Axis obviously is nervous in the past few days of resituation. It will be recalled that the British frequently sent strong reconnaissance parties deep into Burma, in which Gen. Wavell participated

The present operation appears to have been designed by him

Military circles have declined to forecast, pending further details, the suggestion intended to straighten out the salient to put the British in a better tactical position.

Japan's capture of Mandalay-Rangoon line has deprived China of supplies, except what is obtainable from hardpressed Russia. At one time fears were aroused that China could be driven out of war.

The Allies hurriedly established the air route across trackless mountains and kept up at least a trickle of the most war-material and sent bomber and fighter squadrons as an evidence of bigger help coming later.

The possibility that when the push comes the Chinese would co-operate from Yunnan is seen from the fact that Gen Stillwell arrived in India only recently from China.

R. I. N. FLAGSHIP 'NARBADA' LAUNCHED

LONDON, Dec 20.

A new flagship of the Royal Indian Navy—a sloop of 1,200 tons—is being made ready for service. She was launched to the cheers of the men who built her and the Indian ratings who will take her to the sea, writes Reuter's correspondent. Mrs. Amery, wife of Mr. L. S Amery, Secretary of State for India, named her "Narbada".

The "Narbada" is similar in dimensions to the British "Egret" and "Pelican" types. A third vessel of the same general class "Auckland" was sunk in action with enemy aircraft off Tobruk in July 1941. The "Narbada" is well armed against such an attack. She has six four-inch anti-aircraft guns. Her speed will be a little over nineteen knots.—Reuter.

Our Readers' Views

Indians States' People

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—In their organised campaign of virulent attacks on the representative character of the Congress, Churchill, Amery & Co. have been exploiting every occasion to harp on the Treaty obligations of the British Government with the princes and denying any voice whatsoever to the 90 millions of the States' People in framing the constitution of Independent India. It is an open secret that the dummy princely order has been kept intact in order to maintain the Imperialist hold of Britain on India indefinitely. Perpetuation of princedom means the blank refusal of Britain to give the right of self-determination to the 90 millions of the States' People and blocking the way of India's unity and progress

We wish to make it quite clear that the princes do not represent us and that we are with the National Congress in its demand for a free unified India. Let us give a word of warning to all the reactionaries in and out of India. It is our firm determination not to be treated as the personal property of our so-called Feudal Lords and see that responsible Government, is established in the States.

It will not be out of place to mention that it is the people of the States along with the other peoples that are shedding their blood for the Allied Cause. It is they who will bring victory to the progressive forces of the world and not the princes by their acts of personal heroism There can be no people's front in India that ignores the millions living in the States.

We appeal to the British people to take the lead in solving the Indian deadlock by bringing pressure upon their statesmen to establish a National Government in India representing all the main elements of National Life, for mobilising the Indian people for National Defence and Allied Victory—Yours, etc.,

BRISH BHAI,
B.A., L.L.B.,
President,
Riyasti Praja Mandal,
Punjab.

Live And Let Live

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—I have in my hand a pamphlet "Unpardonable Crime of Jinnah" issued by the "Muslim National Publications". It is a Muslim League propaganda booklet and as such contains published opinions of various public men as also opinions expressed by some newspapers in support of Pakistan Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's definition of "Muslim political Creed" as propounded by him in his paper "Al-Hilal" in 1912 finds a prominent place and so does the late Dr. Sir Mohamed Iqbal's letter addressed to Mr Jinnah in 1937. Statements made by Mr. Rajagopalachariar in support of conceding the League's demand by the Congress is naturally there. And, of course, the Congress's acts of commission and omission during its regime must find a place in order to complete the picture.

The real aim behind this publication is obviously to educate the public to the League's view point that Pakistan is the only panacea for India; because it will once for all end the communal strife and thenceforward Hindus and Muslims would live most amicably in their separate Sovereign zones pursuing and developing their different cultures etc. A very catching scheme, indeed. But is it workable and practicable? Let us examine it for a while. Although I have not understood the full implications of Pakistan because it has not been defined by the League as yet, but I understand that the North-Western and North-Eastern portions of India are desired as sovereign Muslim States; because they are supposed to be their Home lands. The North-Western zone is to comprise of the Punjab, the North-Western Frontier Province, Sindh and Baluchistan and the North-Eastern zone of Western and Eastern Bengals and Assam. Population in these zones, however, is not wholly Muslim as they contain others such as the Hindus, the Depressed classes, the Indian Christians, the Sikhs, the Europeans, the Anglo-Indians, the Aborigines and the Hill Tribes with a sprinkling of the Parsis thrown in as well. I do not know much of the Punjab and its population except that besides a powerful Hindu minority, it has a very vigorous, influential and a compact Sikh minority. Bengal and Assam I know very well and I can say without any exaggeration that they contain a far more powerful Hindu minority than any other province in India—a minority which got the Partition of Bengal (Lord Morley's "settled fact") annulled and even to-day got the Muslim-Leaguers ousted from the Hag Cabinet. There are districts in Western Bengal where Hindus are in great majority such as in the districts of Burdwan, Hooghly. Midnapore, Howrah and 24 Parganas etc. etc. Eastern Bengal possesses a Muslim majority, but there, too, are zones where the Hindus predominate over the Muslims. Of course, on the whole, Muslims are in majority Assam is no exception as regards the mixed population either.

Now may I ask my Pakistanist friends as to how are they going to carve out a Muslim State from this intermingled and heterogeneous population in the North Eastern zone? Are they going to have Pakistan in one district and a Hindustan in the other or are they prepared to have a Pakistan village side by side with a Hindustan village or what? And how are they going to reconcile the Hindu minority in one place and get reconciled to the Hindu majority in another? And what do they propose doing in case the Hindus refused to be reconciled to the Muslim overlordship? Take to sword and set the whole of India from Ras-Kumari to Cape Comorin ablaze? I hope not.

How is it that the Muslim League could not succeed in forming a single Ministry of their own in any province where the Muslims were in majority? Was it not due to the powerful minorities in those Provinces? The Punjab has a Coalition Ministry, so has Bengal, Assam and Sindh. Don't they realise that Coalition Government is the only panacea for the ills of India? Congress rejected the idea and thereby committed one of the greatest blunders of recent times

But to come to the present situation and the mutual bickerings. Mr. Jinnah thus recently said at Delhi: "We attain Pakistan or we perish". Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru refused to entertain the idea. Mr. Gandhi considers it a 'sin'. Can these two extremes ever meet? Yes, if Indians act upon that noble maxim of 'Live and let live' Let the Hindus and the Muslims have an equal number of seats in the Central Legislature as well as in the Cabinet and let us have other minorities acting as a sort of a buffer State between the two. Indian States to be wholly excluded from the British Indian Constitution till such times as they become politically at par with us. Let them have a Federation and a Central Government of their own for the time being. All provinces to have Coalition Governments. Religious cultural and other interests of the minorities to be guaranteed and to form a part of the Constitution.

We are celebrating Akbar the Great's Quater-Centenary. Why not have an United India as a lasting monument to that noble Indian monarch? Let me conclude by quoting Sir Mirza Ismail, a true Muslim, a great administrator and an eminent statesman:—"To me India one Nation is a most inspiring thought; and a most reasonable one. This is the land of all of us, to whatsoever race or creed we may belong. It is our absolute duty to forge all this diversity into a single comprehensive State, within which there shall be absolute liberty for each composing element and absolute justice and Confidence of Justice among them."—Yours, etc.,

NAWABZADA MURTAZA ALI KHAN.

Salute To Stalingrad!

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Stalingrad, the city of steel, still stands bloody but unbowed! The flower of the German and its satellite armies have been pitted against it only to meet their doom.

The gallant defence of Stalingrad against overwhelming odds has added one more crown of glory to the victorious Red Army which had not so long ago routed the Germans at the gates of Moscow and Leningrad

Why! it was this very army of brave Russia that was being condemned wholesale by the world as completely corrupt, disorganised, without able Generals: and hence, incapable of standing up against any Power of Europe.

This hypocritical condemnation of the Soviet soldiers was due to differences of political ideologies between the U.S.S.R and the other nations.

There is of course no gainsaying the fact that in World War I, Russia's army was corrupt and disorganised as the Czarist regime was at its nadir at that time.

But the revolution of 1917 and the coming into power of the present Russian Government sounded the end of all these galling debilities to be replaced by an army of well trained and well-disciplined soldiers who are now defying the so-called invincible hordes of Hitlerite Germany.

To-day the fate of the civilised world depends on Russia Its capitulation would be a disastrous blow to the Democracies. It is therefore imperative that we did something tangible in the nature of a Second Front in order to relieve the heavy burden that is being shouldered by the Red warriors and so also express our deep appreciation for all that they are doing to stem a world-wide holocaust blazing in the trail of the Nazis.

We salute the Red Army! We salute Stalingrad!—Yours etc.,

IQBAL KHAN

The Viceroy's Blunder

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—If the Government were really anxious to have a political settlement they should have gladly and sportingly given Rajaji a chance to succeed. Is it wrong in inferring then that the Government are not anxious to have the situation resolved. There is no understandable reason why should such a simple thing as an interview with Gandhiji whom Gen Smuts calls as one of world's great men and who is dominated by high spiritual ideals and who is the last person to be talked of as fifth columnist, have been refused? Why all those pretensions of anxiety for a settlement and intentions to transfer power to Indians? This is a queer way indeed of furthering all reasonable efforts for a settlement.—Yours, etc.

T. S. NARAYAN.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Mr. H. A. Wallace, U.S. Vice-President, believes that post-war problems cannot be solved by any "fiat from London, Washington or Moscow" but only by "united and constructive thinking by the common people.'

—New York Report

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"Strangely enough," says a contrere, the British Government and not the Government of India are conducting negotiations for an Indo-American Reciprocal Aid Agreement.

Why "strangely"?

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"What is the explanation?" asks the London weekly, the "New Statesman and Nation" when C.R. feels confident of the success of a Gandhi-Jinnah discussions the Viceroy turns down his proposal to visit Mahatma Gandhi.

The explanation is obviously easy to give but not obviously safe to do so.

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At a recent function, the Governor of Sind observed that the press in the country was ready to co-operate with the Government in spreading the truth

The important question—Mr. B. G. Kirchner permitting—is whether the Government is also ready to co-operate with the press in spreading the truth.

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By the way the Sind Governor would, nevertheless "even like to see Government running its own newspaper.. "

A peculiar wish to state. The Government is already trying to do even better: running other people's newspapers under the efficient editorship of Press Advisers.

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The Delhi organ of the Muslim League angrily criticised Lord Linlithgow for "making observations that will not conciliate the Congress but might alienate the Musalmans."

Although the emphasis is on the last four words, our contemporary is beginning to discover the truth. Let's hope it continues to live and learn more.

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Begam Shah Nawaz Tells The Yankees

—Headline in a contemporary.

And the Yanks said: "Oh Yeah?"

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In this connection Reuters thoughtfully inform this country that the Begam will give lectures and broadcasts in America "speaking authoritatively as active leader of the women of India and the only woman member of the Indian National Defence Advisory Council."

Please refrain from indulging in that 'ha ha.' We most strongly deprecate your discourteous flippancy.

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Authoritative circles in London and New Delhi have urgently requested the world not to attach too great an importance to the British advance.

Sorry to disappoint them, perhaps. But we really didn't need the warning.

A Catalina and two Dornier flying-boats of the Royal Netherlands Naval Air Force between them rescued 311 survivors, some of whom were seriously wounded and found struggling in the sea on rafts, buoys, ladders and other pieces of wood.

Editors Constitute Provincial Executive

Conference To Be Convened In Middle Of January

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

The Bombay members of the All-India Newspaper-Editors' Conference met on Sunday at 3 P.M. at the Journalists' Association, Bombay, to constitute the Provincial Committee and the Provincial Executive. About 25 members were present.

EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

Mr. S. A. Brelvi was elected president and Mr. S. Natarajan Secretary and Treasurer. An Executive Committee was formed consisting of Messrs B. G. Horniman, Sorabji Kapadia, Ali Bahadur Khan, Mohamed Usman Khan, Kakalbhai Kothari, Ramanlal Desai, S. G. Vaze, and Dr. N. B. Parulekar. The Bombay members of the Standing Committee, Messrs Low, Amritlal Sheth, Samaldas Gandhi, S. K. Karandikar, H. R. Moharey and K. Srinivasan as well as Mr. S. A. Brelvi, the president, are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

PROVINCIAL EDITORS' CONFERENCE

The Executive Committee was directed to convene a conference of all editors in the city and province by the middle of January at Bombay. Editors who are not members of the All-India Newspaper-Editors' Conference shall pay a delegate fee of Rs. 5 only.—A. P.

BOMBAY EDITORS MEET

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

A meeting of all Newspaper Editors in Bombay City and Province was held on Sunday, at the Journalists' Association, at 11 p.m. about 35 newspapers, including those in Ahmedabad, Poona, Surat and Hubli, were represented. Mr. S. A. Brelvi presided.

The President pointed out that it was a unique gathering. He remarked that in 1931 a meeting of Editors from all parts of the country had been convened in Bombay and in October last the session of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference was held, but this was the first time that Editors from all over the Province had come together to discuss the condition of the press. He expressed the hope that now that a beginning had been made the Bombay Press would develop a sense of solidarity.

The Bombay Government had been comparatively more liberal in their attitude towards the Press than other Governments, Mr. Brelvi said, but still there were one or two points on which there were considerable differences of opinion.

Mr. K. Srinivasan, the Secretary of the Press Advisory Committee, explained the Government's reply to the resolutions of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference. While the Government of Bombay had accepted the resolution generally there were one or two categories in regard to which the Committee and the Government still held differing views. He explained the Bombay Government's note and the subsequent order restricting the publication of reports regarding conditions in jails, pointing out their implications and the background in which their decisions were arrived at.

The action of the Bombay Press in observing one-day suspension was also considered. On the behalf of the Provincial Advisory Committee Mr. Srinivasan congratulated the Press of the Province on the striking solidarity they had displayed in the one day suspension. The days that lay ahead called for a consolidation of that unity. He then explained how the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference was tackling the issue.

A general discussion took place in which several members took part. The meeting adjourned at 1-30 p.m. It will re-assemble at the Journalists Association Hall on Tuesday (22nd December) at 5-30 p.m. to consider the Standing Committee's decision and further developments.—A. P

BREACH OF GOVT.-PRESS PACT

Nagpur Newspapers Drop Editorials

NAGPUR, Dec. 20.

Nagpur newspapers, including daily "Hitavada", "Hindustan Herald" and the weekly "Independent" appeared this morning with the space of the first editorial blank with the words "We protest against breach of the agreement between the Press and the Government."

"The Nagpur Times" had no editorial last evening and the blank space had only a query mark.—A. P.

CALCUTTA: In the second and last charity football match in aid of the Calcutta Newspapers Cyclone Relief Fund played on Sunday His Majesty's forces beat the Indians by two goals to one.

17 Axis Supply Ships Torpedoed

LONDON Dec. 19.

Continuing to strike damaging blows at the Axis Mediterranean life-line to North Africa British submarines have torpedoed 17 supply vessels this week—the most successful week since November.

Nine of the ships were sunk including a 2000 ton anti-submarine schooner and a large tanker. The fate of the other eight is not known.

One submarine the Admiralty disclosed to-night, destroyed a supply ship and an Axis aircraft with the same torpedo. The ship blew up with such force that the aircraft escorting it was shattered to pieces.—Reuter.

SELF-RESPECT AND PATRIOTISM, HIS GUIDING MOTTO

Tribute To Mr. M. R. A. Baig, City's Retiring Sheriff

The Progressive Group entertained Mr. M. R. A. Baig, the retiring Sheriff of Bombay and Sir Jamshedji Duggan, the new Sheriff to a luncheon at Green's.

The President, in the course of his speech, congratulated Mr. Baig the retiring President and said that he was one of the founders of the Progressive Group. He had spent the best part of his career in the cause of the uplift of the city and country and had responded whole-heartedly to the fulfilment of the slogan 'Self-respect' and 'Patriotism.' He was also found to resign his activity in the Muslim League when he saw Mr. Jinnah's humbug. "Sheriffs come and Sheriffs go without making their influence felt" said the speaker, but it was Mr. Baig who made his importance felt during his tenure of office."

Mr. Baig while thanking the Progressive Group for arranging this function said that he always felt an urge for public service. He always felt as an Indian and acted as Indian.

Concluding, he said that he was proud of the Akbar Week which was an inspiring week. One of his chief objects in life was Civil Defence and Hindu-Muslim Unity.

Sir Jamshedji Duggan, while thanking the Group said that he was fortunate to meet a worthy and deserving predecessor. He was more than convinced that he came to step into the shoes of Mr. Rashid Baig.

ID-UL-ADHA AT WOKING MOSQUE

WOKING, Dec 19.

The sons of Islam met to-day at Shah Jehan Mosque at Woking to celebrate the festival of Id-ul-Adha.

Despite war conditions, the Muslims honoured in traditional manner the pious memory of Abraham and his son Ismail. The ceremony was well attended by Muslims and prominent among them were members of the Indian Navy. The Saudi Arabian Minister in London, Sheikh Hafiz Wahba led the prayers and gave the Khutbah address.

WAY OF GOD

He said that Muslims were celebrating Id-ul-Adha in the midst of a terrible, bloodiest war although "the world abounds in natural wealth to meet the needs of the whole population. War is like a chronic disease which can only be healed by sincere and real leaders, who truthfully believe in God and whose hearts are full of understanding and humanity. No Government, among whose people ignorance prevails and who are led by ignorant leaders, can ever survive. God helps those who help themselves. This is the way of God with the people and the way that never changes."

He sent fraternal greetings to Muslims in all parts of the world. In a special message to Reuter, the High Commissioner for India Sir Azizul Huque said: "The festival is the symbol of the great spirit of sacrifice which every Muslim is required to emulate and follow. In harmony with the spirit of Islam, I do hope that peace, amity and fraternal feelings will come not only in our homeland but all the world over."

The religious ceremony was followed by a luncheon given by the Imam of the Mosque, when 'pilau' and 'curry' were served.—Reuter.

A. M. Engineer Gets D.F.C.

NEW DELHI, Dec 20.

Wing Commander A. M. Engineer, who, as announced yesterday, is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery on the North-West Frontier, is the second I. A. F. Pilot to win the D. F. C. says a press note.

W/C. S. Mukerjee, S/L. M. K. Janjua and P/O. Kartar Singh are mentioned in despatches for the part they played in these operations.—A. P.

Chinese Nationals In Canada

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20.

The recent meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations Conference may result in closer relations between China and Canada according to a semi-official statement here to-night which expressed confidence that the "Canadian Government will consider questions of improvement in the treatment of Chinese nationals in Canada since the Chinese were greatly inconvenienced by the Canadian Immigration Regulations of 1923.—Reuter.

SIKANDAR APPEALS TO SERVICES

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

An appeal to the services, particularly responsible officers, to create a better communal atmosphere by their thoughts and deeds within the offices was made by Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab speaking at a garden party held under the auspices of the North-Western Railway Carson Institute to jointly celebrate the Id in furtherance of the campaign for intercommunal harmony. Mr. A. C. Griffin General Manager, and of North-Western Railway and Raja Narendranath President of the Punjab Hindu Sabha, also spoke.

DO IT AS PUNJABIS

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan advised the officers to approach their problems not in a communal spirit but as Punjabis determined to do justice to all irrespective of the community to which they belonged. If they succeeded in creating a better communal atmosphere within their offices he was sure that they could bring about communal unity much earlier than through mere social gatherings and that would undoubtedly pave the way for the attainment of their political rights. The Premier said that they should strive for equality of rights for all Punjabis and their ideal should be a free Punjab in a free India.—A. P.

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OBJECTS:

The Company was registered as a Limited Liability Company under the Indian Companies Act, 1913 in the year 1933 with an initial Capital of Rs. 5,00,000/- with the main object of carrying on business in India and in any part of the World, of Life Assurance and other kinds of assurances mentioned in the Memorandum of Association.

WORKING RESULTS: The details of the working can be seen from the Auditors' Certificate attached hereto.

The following table shows the increase in the new business, the premium income and the total funds of the Company during the previous three years.

	Year 1939 Rs.	Year 1940 Rs.	Year 1941 Rs.
New Business	50,11,768 0 0	60,13,500 0 0	62,04,260 0 0
Premium Income	5,53,095 8 10	5,67,838 11 6	8,42,451 7 9
Life Fund	3,68,508 4 10	5,76,773 6 1	9,21,395 10 6
Assets	6,56,216 9 2	6,87,094 8 0	13,95,943 10 6

At the last valuation of the Company, a bonus of Rs. 12/- per thousand on Endowment Assurance and Rs. 15/- per thousand on whole Life Assurance was declared to the Policy-holders.

PROSPECTS: HAVING ACHIEVED SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS THE COMPANY DESIRES TO START FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS. THERE IS A VERY GREAT SCOPE IN INDIA FOR THESE KINDS OF INSURANCE AS WILL BE SEEN FROM THE FIGURES OF TOTAL PREMIUM INCOME OF THE GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS IN INDIA AS APPEARING FROM THE INDIAN INSURANCE YEAR BOOKS.

PREMIUM IN CRORES

Year	Fire	Marine	Miscellaneous	Total
1938	Rs 1.38	0.52	0.92	2.82.
1939	Rs. 1.52	0.95	0.90	3.37.
1940	Rs. 1.45	1.31	0.85	3.61

Moreover the expansion of Indian Industries which is taking place now and which is likely to continue even after the war is over and the resultant increase in trade as well, are bound to give greater scope for Fire and General Insurance Business.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

The original authorised Capital of the Company was Rs. 5,00,000/- divided into 50,000 shares of Rs. 10/- each, out of which 27,485 shares had been subscribed and allotted and Rs. 5/- had been paid upon each of the said shares.

In the year 1941 the said Authorised Capital was increased to Rs. 15,00,000/- by the creation of 1,00,000 new shares of Rs. 10/- each. Out of the said 1,00,000 shares 72,500 shares were offered for subscription. They were fully subscribed and allotted and Rs. 3,62,500/- i.e. at Rs. 5/- per share were paid up thereon. The said shares were issued at a premium of annas four each. A commission of 4 annas per share has been paid on the said issue of 72,500 shares.

By a Special resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 24th October 1942 it has been resolved to further increase the Capital of the Company to Rs. 75,00,000 by the creation of 6,00,000 shares of Rs. 10/- each. Out of the 6,00,000 new shares of Rs. 10/- each, the Directors have decided to issue 4,00,000 shares at present on which Rs. 5/- per share have to be paid on application.

The said further shares are being offered to the members of the Company and applications for 1,50,000 shares have already been received. Further applications are also expected. Only such shares as are not taken up by the existing members of the Company will be available to the public. Brokerage at 4 annas per share may be paid to recognised brokers on the shares which are allotted on applications made through them.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: By a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Company on the 11th of July, 1942 **MR. L. N. BIRLA HAS BEEN APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY** on a remuneration of Rs. 2,000/- per month with effect from 1st July 1942 and he is to continue to act as such until he resigns or is removed. He and the Chairman have been authorised to jointly and severally exercise all or any of the powers vested in the Directors except such of them as by law are required to be exercised by the Board and to delegate any of the powers given to them as aforesaid.

RIGHT OF VOTING:—On a show of hands, every holder of at least 50 Ordinary shares present in person has a vote and upon a poll, every holder of at least 50 Ordinary shares present in person or proxy has one vote for every share held by him.

Report of Messrs. S. R. Batliboi and Co., Auditors of the Company, for three financial years viz. for the years ending 31st December 1939, 31st December 1940 and 31st December 1941, as required by Section 93 of the Indian Company's Act has been annexed herewith.

A copy of the Prospectus can be obtained from the Registered office of the Company.

Application for shares should be sent to the Registered Office of the Company at Connaught Circus New Delhi, together with a remittance of the amount of the application moneys.

If the shares applied for are not allotted, the application moneys will be refunded.

Dated this 18th day of Dec. 1942.

NO TRUCK WITH WAR

Portuguese And Spanish Plans For Mutual Aid

LISBON, Dec. 19.

The keynote of to-day's talks between the Portuguese Prime Minister, Doctor Salazar and the Spanish Foreign Minister General Jordana was desire to keep both the countries out of the war it is understood here.

Plans for mutual aid, should this ever become necessary, were also discussed.—Reuter.

LEADING REXISTS ASSASSINATED?

BERLIN, Dec. 19

M. Leon Degrelle, Belgian Rexist (Fascist) leader disclosed in a speech to-day that several leading Rexists and members of the Flemish National movement have recently been assassinated.—Reuter.

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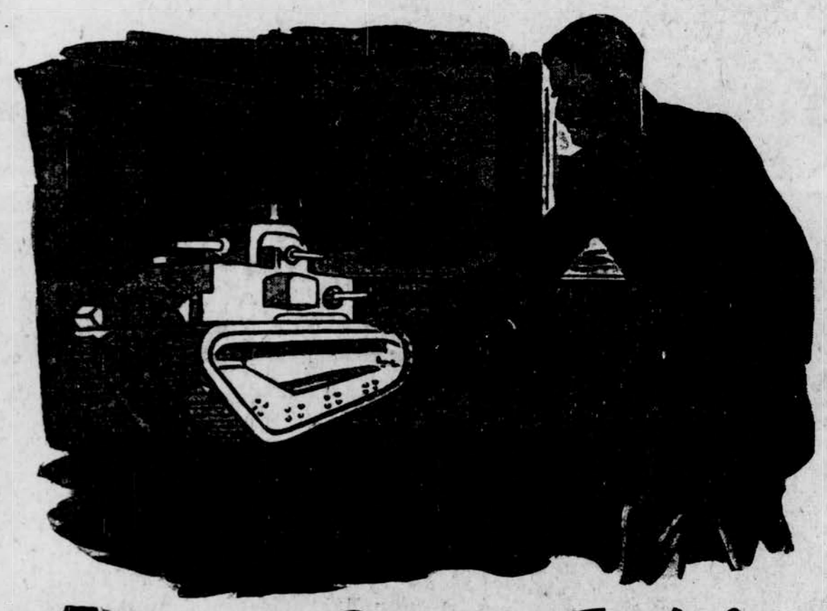

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All-India Badminton Championships

MISS TARA DEODHAR WINS WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLE

Prakash Nath Secures Men's Singles

Before packed stands, and in the presence of Her Excellency Lady Lumley who gave the Trophies, the curtain was finally rung down on the All-India Badminton Championship Tournament, at the Bombay Gymkhana Courts on Sunday evening; and the titanic struggle that marked the bid for the All-India Women's Singles title, with the Deodhar sisters as the actors of this great epic encounter, was the most fitting finale to the exhilarating exhibition of Badminton that has been Bombay's pride and pleasure to enjoy these last few days.

Ragnekar, whose sensational victory over tennis in the Men's semi-finals had made him the favourite for the Singles title, surprisingly succumbed to Prakash Nath, the latter taking both sets with comparative ease, while the mixed doubles event, won by Patwardhan and Miss Sunder Deodhar, although providing much to enthuse over, was not as close a fight as one could have wished.

But the Deodhar sisters were there to provide the excitement of the occasion, and when the first set of this Homeric struggle went to the junior sister at 12-10, it looked as if another champion, and an unexpected one at that, was going to spring up. Tara, however, rallied strong thereafter, and took the second set but with extreme difficulty, at 12-10. In the third set, the senior established an early lead of 6 love, but it took little Sunder no time to reduce this to 7-4, and a little later, midst constant applause, she wore this down to 9-7. At this critical stage, however, Tara brought out the little she had in reserve, and quickly asserting her superiority, eventually won the set at 11-9.

RESULTS

WOMEN'S SINGLES: — Miss Tara Deodhar beat Miss S. Deodhar 10-12, 12-10, 11-9.

MEN'S SINGLES: — Prakash Nath beat Ragnekar 15-9, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES:—Patwardhan and Miss S. Deodhar beat V. N. Iyer and Miss A. K. Dadyburjor 15-9, 15-11.

FESTIVAL CRICKET MATCH

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD, Resy. Dec. 20.

In the festival cricket match, organised by Hyderabad State Cricket Association, between the President's Eleven and Resident's Eleven, President's Eleven made in the first innings 215. The Resident's Eleven made for the loss of one wicket, 15 when stumps were drawn for the day.

A three-day match commenced this morning at Secunderabad.

Moinuddoula Memorial Gold Cup Cricket Tourney commences on 25th inst. at Secunderabad.

Ranji Trophy

KARACHI, Dec. 19.

Western India States entered the final of West Zone for the Ranji Trophy defeating Sind by 9 wickets.

SCORES:

Sind: 118 and 106.

W.I.S.C.A.: 200 and 27 for one wicket.—A. P.

W. I. S. C. A. Beats Sind

KARACHI, Dec. 19. (Delayed.)

The Sind Second Innings in Ranji Trophy match concluded for 106, leaving the W. I. S. C. A. to make 25 for victory, which was collected for the loss of one wicket.

The W. I. S. C. A. now meet the winners of Baroda and Maharashtra.

SCORES:—

Sind 1st innings	118
W. I. S. C. A. 1st innings	200
Sind 2nd innings	106
W. I. S. C. A. 2nd innings (for one)	27

Polo In Gwalior

(From A Correspondent)

GWALIOR, (By Mail).

The final match in the Scindia Gold Cup Polo Tournament held under the auspices of the Gwalior Sports Association was played on the 14th instant between Jiwaji Club 'A' and 2nd Lancers 'A' Gwalior and resulted in a sensational win for the former team by seven goals to nil.

The Half-Column

By "Dim"

Said Mrs. Roosevelt in a broadcast dedicated to the British Commonwealth that "the British people must give up many of their freedoms." Considering her speech was about the Commonwealth and Britain and such matters of Empire, she might have said something about the freedom that Britain "should learn to give up" to India.

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London is to celebrate "India Week." We take it Mr. Amery will find time to say a few well-chosen words on the occasion even as he did on the occasion of Akbar's centenary

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Gestapo Agent P.Q. 13 brings the news that in the New Year's Honours List there is a very big place for a certain Bombay gentleman.

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The Turf Club should consider the suggestion made in a certain paper that queuing should be made compulsory at the Treble Tote windows. As it is some lady pushes her way in and a man finds it difficult to ask her to take her proper turn.

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The Turf Club should also stop owners from naming their horses after living persons. It cramps the style of a lot of persons when they have lost money on such a horse and want to express their feelings. For instance, I felt like calling Churchill (the horse) a few names on Saturday, but I was afraid I might be run in under the Defence of India Rules!

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What has happened to Shanmugham Chetty? One never hears of him these days.

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What has happened to the letters in the press of the Hon. Mr. Parker? I almost miss the familiar touch in the morning papers. Have I started something?

Sir C. P. At Variance With Rajaji

MADRAS: Interviewed regarding the speech of H. E. the Viceroy at the Associated Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar stated,

"In common with the majority of my countrymen, I feel that India has a right at least equal to that of Canada, Australia or New Zeland to national Government but like most persons with some administrative and political experience, I cannot reconcile myself to the carving up of this land into two or more political fragments. I welcome the lead given by the Viceroy in his recent speech emphasising the need for India's organic unity. Hardly any ills that India may be subjected to can compare with the 'Ulster phase' advocated by Mr. Rajagopalachariar. Many in British India and perhaps many more in Indian States deplore his well-meant, but inherently dangerous, proposals and consider with me that resistance to these proposals is only less urgent than organised resistance to the aggressor nations. —A. P.

Woman Imposter Arrested

POONA: A woman imposter belonging to a criminal tribe has been arrested. It is stated that she dressed herself in perfect European costume and approached many people for help, posing herself to be a refugee from Burma. She was successful in thus cheating many persons. But subsequently one person became suspicious and got her arrested. —U. P.

Big Fire In Sind Town

KARACHI: A fire broke out in the main bazar of Sujawal, a town 80 miles from Karachi on Saturday. On receipt of information fire engines from Karachi hurried to the spot and brought the fire under control after six hours. The damage is estimated at Rs. 1,00,000. Currency notes of Rs. 10,000 belonging to one shopkeeper were burnt.—U. P.

Students' 'Iron Guards'

The students of Lucknow University have formed a 'youth defence committee' which is forming a volunteer corps to be named 'Iron Guard' which will be given training in civil defence.

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OH, NO, M'AM!
ARE YOU HONEST AND UPRIGHT AND DO YOU GO TO CHURCH?
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December	.....
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March	18.94
May	18.85
Middling Spot	20.60

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec. 19

December	.....
January	19.14
March	.....
May	19.05
Middling Spot	19.57

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 19

London Silver, Gold, Exchanges, Wheat, and Stock Exchange was closed.

COTTON PARITY

I.C.C. January is below New York January 190 cent points at Exchange 331.

Cotton Consumption

Statement of Indian cotton (pressed and unpressed) consumed in mills in India.
(In bales of 400 lbs. net).
CONSUMPTION

British India during October 1942 258,680; during October 1941 276,511. Since 1st September 1942 500 978; during the corresponding period last year 553,694.

Indian States during October 1942 47 115; during October 1941 57,065; since 1st September 1942 99 390; during the corresponding period last year 113.167.

Total—India during October 1942 305 795; during October 1941 333,576; since 1st September 1942 600 368; during the corresponding period last year 666 861.

Food Prices

Following are Controlled and fair retail prices of articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City as published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay.
Controlled prices:

	per	paylee
Wheat, Pissi	0	9 9
Wheat Nasik Yellow	0	10 0
Wheat Khandwa	0	11 3
Burma rice (excluding Ekreen Fegam and Supersugandhi)	0	11 9
Bezwada Kusma	0	12 0
Thana Rice—Ordinary Jirasal or Kasaya	0	15 9
Kolaba rice—all varieties except Patni and Badas	0	15 3
Jowar	0	6 3
	2	lbs.
Indian Sugar	0	5 9
	2	boxes
Wimco matches—50 sticks	0	1 0
	per 1/4	gallon
Kerosene oil retail shop price	0	4 6
Kerosene oil intinerant dealer or hawker	0	5 0

Fair prices (based on average wholesale quotations for week ending 12th December, 1942).

	per	paylee
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	0	12 3
Bajri, Kalpi ordinary	0	13 0
Gram (Banda)	0	14 9
Masur dal (Superior)	0	15 0
Gram dal	1	3 6
Tur dal (Cawnpore dry)	1	3 6
Tur dal (Surti oiled)	1	4 6
	per	lb.
Ghee (Porbunder)	1	11 9
Butter (Polson) in Tin	1	8 0
Cocoanut oil	0	8 0
Groundnut oil	0	5 6
Cotton (Sheep and Goat 1st Class)	0	5 0
	per	dozen
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INTERESTING RULING IN SEDITION CASE

Leaguer Acquitted In Appeal: Speech On Pakistan And Its Sequel

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 19.

Mufti Fakrul Islam, President of the Allahabad Muslim League, was prosecuted under D.I.R. on a charge of sedition for delivering a speech in celebration of Pakistan Day on March 3, 1941, and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 200 by the trying Magistrate. The sentence was reduced to three months and a fine of Rs. 100 by the Sessions Judge of Allahabad.

OFFENDING PASSAGE

In the course of their judgment the Chief Justice said: "The offending passage runs as follows. But British policy has all along been divide and rule, they always sided with the Hindus, showed favours to them, encouraged them, for which reason the Hindus always thought against the Muslims and in every way tried to trample over the rights of Muslims and always encouraged scheme suddhi of which you saw examples during the Congress regime. For this reason the Muslims were forced to make Pakistan their goal."

The Chief Justice pointed that the cardinal question was whether the passage quoted established the charge of sedition against the applicant. It was well settled that the essence of the crime of sedition consisted in the intention with which the language was used and that such an intention was to be judged primarily by the language used. In arriving at the conclusion as to the intention of the accused in making the speech, the Court must have obviously regard to the class of the audience to which and the circumstances in which the speech was delivered and must then decide as to the probable effect of the speech.

SPIRIT OF FREEDOM

It has been laid down in a number of cases that the speech must be read as a whole in 'fair, free and liberal spirit and that one should not pause upon an objectionable sentence here or a strong word there.' They should be dealt with in a spirit of freedom and not viewed with an eye of narrow criticism. The case should be viewed in a free, bold manly and generous spirit to-wards the accused.

The ideas underlying the passage quoted were unfortunately in substance, if not in form, current in political controversy in the country. Far from holding that language current in political controversy in the country could never be made subject of charge of sedition, His Lordship felt that at the same time he could not overlook the fact that similar criticism of Government in the past had been made on thousands of occasions without exciting public disorder or inciting subversive activity.

The dominant intention of the applicant in making the speech was to advocate the scheme of Pakistan and not to bring into hatred or contempt or to excite disaffection towards the British Government. No doubt the fact that in support of the scheme advocated the applicant used an argument which cast a reflection on the Government. The argument might be fallacious and its logic might be open to question but this alone could not justify the conviction of the applicant.

Mr. Justice Dar while agreeing with the Chief Justice said that the accused had not been convicted for an offence of exciting communal feelings but for exciting disaffection and hatred against Government. It would therefore be necessary to both the intention and language of the accused who should be judged as a whole and not from isolated passages and that the effect of the language was to be judged having regard to the times and the conditions in which it was spoken and having regard to the effect it produced or was likely to produce in the society in which it was addressed.—United Press.

Mrs. Roosevelt Warns Britain

Beware Of Losing That Security You Are Fighting For!

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Mrs. Roosevelt in a broadcast speech to-night dedicated to the British Commonwealth said that the people of Great Britain had learned that to achieve freedom "they must give up many of their freedom."

She said that it was obvious that Britain "was unified by the great experience that had made the British one great people."

Britain, she added, wanted a free world "but the British know it is not only themselves in this world who should have this security—and if that were so, they would lose the security they are fighting for."—Reuter.

FOR INTERPRETING U. S. TO BRITAIN!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20

The former representative Tom Eliot was assigned to-day, Saturday, to the job of giving Great Britain a clearer picture of the United States. He was appointed by Mr. Elmer Davis as head of the office of War Information's British Division. He will probably leave for London about the middle of January.—Reuter.

JOHN BULL & CO. GOING INTO LIQUIDATION!

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 19.

"John Bull's" diminished Financial Stake in the Empire prompted press comment that the Canadian and Indian Governments have already paid off bulk of their direct borrowings from London, while the announcement of repatriation of further 42 million pounds of South African loans—wiping out all but a negligible amount—means another dominion financially self-sufficient.

The Financial Editor of the "Manchester Guardian" writes: In India, Canada and South Africa, there will soon be left only private commercial investments in specific industries. What political effect this great liquidation will be, no one can now say, but facts should be noted for repercussions which will be worth watching.

Viceroy In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Marchioness of Linlithgow arrived in Delhi.—A. P.

Imperial Staff Demands More Dearness Allowance

Delhi Deputation To India Govt.'s Home Member

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

A public meeting of the Government of India Staff held here on Thursday resolved that the Imperial Secretariat Association should approach the Home Member to receive a deputation of the staff employed in the various Government offices in New Delhi to place before Government the situation created by the rise in prices and the unbearable hardships being caused to staff.

The Association may act in collaboration with the associations of attached and subordinate Offices and other similar bodies of Government servants in Delhi. All such associations are requested to send to the Secretary, Imperial Secretariat Association, by Monday December 21, their suggestions and the names of their representatives, if any, who should all meet together and decide the final details of the proposed deputation.

Copies of the resolution were forwarded to the Viceroy and members of the Executive Council.—A. P.

TWO MILLIONS OF JEWISH VICTIMS!

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The report of the Inter-Allied Information Committee on German persecution of Jews published to-day reveals that the Gestapo Chief Himmler after a visit to Warsaw ordered one half of the Polish Jews to be killed in one year. At centres of execution, Jews were murdered by means of electrocution and lethal gas.

In Yugoslavia, 85,000 Jews out of 86,000 in the country have been slaughtered since the German attack.

The Committee are representative of Allied Governments in London and their indictment carries the official stamp.

The report adds that the President of the American Jewish Congress, Doctor Stephen Wise told President Roosevelt on December 8, that the number of Jewish victims deported or perished since 1939 in Axis controlled Europe has now reached two millions and five millions were in danger of extermination. Dr. Wise's figures were partly based on State Department records.—Reuter.

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